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<TEXT>Please help me! Keep the USF collection rate on a fair share basis , not a flat fee basis. I do not want to pay more for my telephone service! I urge you to reject a flat fee proposal that would change how contributions are made to the Universal Service Fund. I am concerned that this proposal could make current telephone service unaffordable for many customers. Wireless telephone service shoul not be a available only to the small percentage of people in higher income brackets, but for anyone who can pay a reasonable rate. Please consider the average income for wireless users and compare that to your own household income. Most Americans do NOT live as well as you or I. This will be a terrible burden for many families.

Under the flat fee proposal you are considering, people who make few long distance calls would pay the same as people or businesses that make many calls. In other words, low-volume and primarily residential customers would bear the same universal service fund burden as a high-volume residential or business customers. This is unfair!

I use my wireless phone for safety, security and convenience. I don't want to lose these benefits so that big businesses can pay less than their fair share. I urge you to reject the proposal to move the USF collection system to a flat-fee.

Keep the USF Fair!

Sincerely,

Michelle Clemons

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